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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/578,678  
Title: RAPID COUPLING  
Our Ref. 967/44780

Attached please find an Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form in connection with the above-referenced application.

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## Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/578,678 First Named Applicant: Ulrich MEIER  
Examiner: HEWITT Art Unit: 3679 Status of Application: AF

**Tentative Participants:**

(1) Christine McCarthy (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Date of Interview: Tuesday, July 8, 2008 Proposed Time: 10:00 am AM/PM

**Type of Interview Requested:**

(1) ☐ Telephonic (2) ☒ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

### Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Objection</u>	<u>Claims 12-13</u>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) <u>Objection</u>	<u>Figs. 1 and 3</u>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) <u>103 Rejection</u>	<u>Claims 8, 12-13</u>	<u>Yeoman</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) <u>103 Rejection</u>	<u>Claims 8-11</u>	<u>Klein</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

☐ Continuation Sheet Attached

**Brief Description of Argument to be Presented:**

Clarification of Applicant's position regarding prior art deficiencies and discussion and education of

Applicant on prior art analysis and opinion of amended claims and proposed revisions to FIGS. 1 and 3

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on \_\_\_\_\_.

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This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature  
Christine H. McCarthy  
Typed/Printed Name of Applicant or Representative  
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Examiner/SPE Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Number, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

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